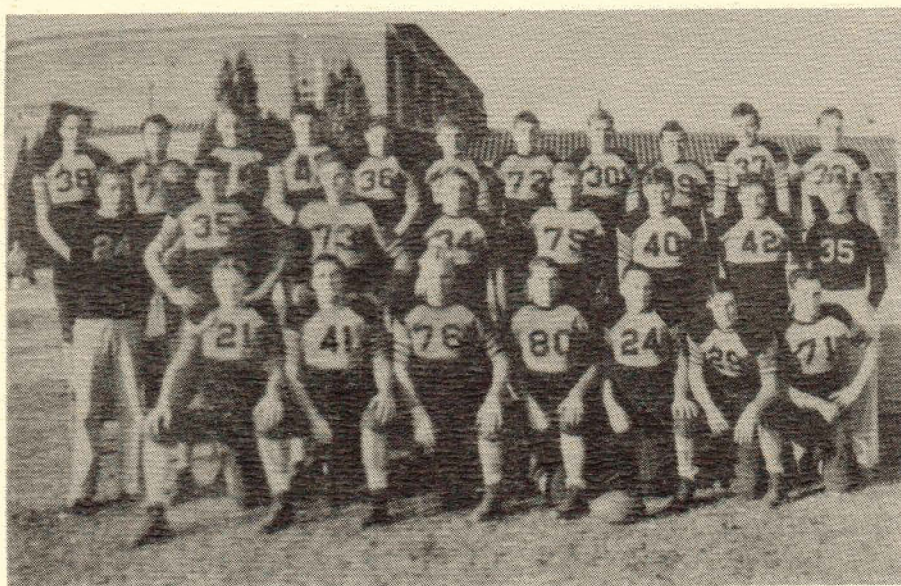




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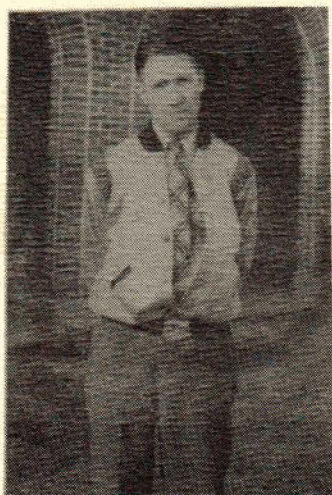
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FOOTBALL TEAM



MAJORETTES



"POLIE" SULLIVAN



DR. L. O. TODD

HOMEcoming
OCTOBER 10, 1992

"WE'RE FOR YOU
IN NINETY-TWO"

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME EVELYN BENDER

ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Evelyn Bender came to East Central from a high school team that did not win a single game her senior year. The All-District, All-Conference and All-State performer still managed to attract attention from recruiters as the Newton High School product once scored a career high 45 points in one contest, only to have her team fall a few points from victory.

When Bender arrived at East Central in the fall of 1975, not only did her teams win games, she and her fellow Warriorettes would eventually win the State Championship her sophomore season and post an 18-5 record for Coach Lucille Wood.

There were many highlights for Bender and her teammates during the 1975-76 campaign, but none stood out more than East Central's 81-80 win over the previously unbeaten and defending state champion Itawamba Lady Indians for the North Division title. With EC trailing 39-34 and time running out in first half action, Bender (affectionately nicknamed "Snoopy") made a long-range bucket which cut the Itawamba lead to just three points and gave the Warriorettes much needed momentum going into the dressing room. The Warriorettes maintained a high confidence level throughout the second half and sealed the upset victory following Donna Carter's layup with about 15 seconds remaining in the game. The Warriorettes also met Itawamba for the state championship and cruised to an 86-77 win.

Bender, selected team co-captain, finished her East Central career by scoring 1081 points. She still holds many records - including most field goals in a game (20) and best two-year average (25.7). She was a first team All-State selection both years, having been chosen the unanimous first choice both seasons.

After East Central, Bender received a scholarship to Jackson State University which won a regional championship and captured top honors in the National Black College Tournament during her two seasons. She averaged about 15 points per game at JSU.

Following her JSU career, Bender participated in the Women's Professional League and was a member of teams located in Washington D. C. and New York City.

Bender later returned to JSU where she worked on her master's degree and served as a trainer for the football and basketball teams.

She joined the Newton Public Schools staff in 1986 and continues to serve as coach of the junior high girls' basketball team and high school girls' track squad, along with other various duties.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME JOE CLARK

Although he was a key member of winning basketball teams and later led successful programs as a high school and college coach, ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Joe Clark takes greater pride in the success his players achieved later in life than any personal accomplishments he may have had on the basketball court.

Clark first discovered his love of basketball while growing up in Neshoba County. He attended Linwood High School where his talents were sharp enough that East Central coach Clayton Blount offered the 6'3" forward a scholarship following Clark's 1953-54 senior campaign.

The Warriors found great success during Clark's freshman year by capturing the Region 7 championship and finishing fourth in the nation following tournament competition in Hutchinson, Kansas. Other team members were Wayne Tullos, an All-American selection who last year was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame; Darrrell Thomas, Leo Russell, Henry Crocker, Joe Lee Johnson, Morris Hurst, James Griffin, Johnny Alexander, and A. G. Robinson. Managers were Tom Burt and Glenn Miles.

After completing his education at East Central, Clark transferred to Livingston State where he was a two-year starter. During his senior year at Livingston, the school experienced its first winning campaign in several years.

Clark began his coaching career at Zama and Edinburg high schools before taking over the East Central program in 1963. He led the Warriors until the 1975-76 season, with his most memorable campaign occurring in 1968-69 when the East Central men won a preseason tournament and posted a 20-7 mark.

Although he retired from coaching men's basketball in 1976, he has since served as interim coach on two occasions.

Clark's coaching expertise goes beyond the basketball court, as he has continued to lead the college's golf and tennis programs for over 15 years with several athletes receiving All-State honors.

Now in his 30th year at East Central, Clark continues to teach math and serves as Director of Housing and Security. He also "fills in" as basketball coach when needed, keeps the clock during games, films all the football contests, and often serves as bus driver transporting cheerleaders and others to athletic events.

Clark is married to the former Carolyn Johnson of Zama who teaches in the Newton County Public School System. They have three sons: Stan, Chris, and Kevin, all ECCC graduates.

HOMECOMING LUNCHEON
Mabry Memorial Cafeteria
October 10, 1992
12:00 noon

Mrs. Lois Cooper, Alumni President, Presiding

Entertainment	Mrs. Leesa Wilkinson, Pianist
Invocation	Mr. Melvin Mathews, Vice-President/President, Class of 1942
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
Recognition of Homecoming Court	Dr. Eddie M. Smith
Nominating Committee Report and Election of Alumni Officers	Mrs. Lois Cooper
Recognition of Reunion Groups	Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Instruction
Classes Ending in "2"	
1961-62 Men's Warrior Basketball Team	
1971-72 Warrior Football Team	
1971-72 Cheerleaders	
1972 Cast of "Annie Get Your Gun"	
1982 Cast of "Carousel"	
1982-83 Band Members	
Recognition of Special Alumni	Dr. Gerald White, Dean of Students
Oldest Alumni Present	
Alumni Traveling the Farthest	
Largest Alumni Family Group Present	
Golf Tournament Winner	Mr. Joe Clark, Golf Coach
Tennis Tournament Winners	Mr. Mike Anderson, Activities Director
Warrior 5K Run/Walk Winners	Mrs. Kelly Bridgman, Cheerleader Sponsor
Presentation of the Instructors	Dr. Phil Sutphin
of the Year Awards	
Presentation of the Athletic Hall of Fame Awards	Miss Lucille Wood Mrs. Lois Cooper
Presentation of Alumna of the Year	Mrs. Ann Burkes
Presentation of Alumnus of the Year	Dr. Eddie M. Smith
Adjourn	

RECORD OF ALUMNI AWARDS

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

1964 - B. O. Smith, Louisville
1965 - Lucille Wood, Decatur
1966 - Henry D. Horton, Louisville
1967 - Crowley Alford, Carthage
1968 - W. H. Johnson, Jr., Decatur
1969 - Arthur Winstead, Philadelphia
1970 - Leon Sims, Philadelphia
1971 - Charles Carter, Jackson
1972 - William L. Weems, Jackson
1973 - Arno Vincent, Meridian
1974 - Elizabeth K. Darby, Philadelphia
1975 - W. C. Spence, Walnut Grove
1976 - John Risher, Philadelphia
1977 - Jessie M. Everett, Decatur
1978 - Class of 1928, (First Class)
1979 - Glenn D. Walker, Union
1980 - Russell Walton, (Deceased)
1981 - Dwight Mulholland, Collinsville
1982 - Denver Brackeen, Jackson

1983 - Frank Hunter, Brookhaven
1984 - Herman Alford, (Deceased)
1985 - Carl B. Cooper, (Deceased)
Dr. Beverly Oliphant, Washington, D.C.
1986 - Kenneth Madison, Philadelphia
Dr. Pam Kirk, Louisville
1987 - Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur
Dr. Addie R. Lee, Birmingham, Alabama
1988 - Henry B. Hudspeth, Louisville
Dr. Verbie Prevost, Hixson, Tennessee
1989 - Dr. Eddie M. Smith, Decatur
Dr. Walterine Bell, Jackson
1990 - Larry Hogue, Jackson
Jo McMullan Taylor, Forest
1991 - Dr. Clyde Muse, Raymond
Lois Cooper, Decatur
1992 - Earl Marshall, Clinton
June Bailey, Gulfport

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

1985 - Denver Brackeen, Jackson
1986 - Lucille Wood, Decatur
1987 - Billy Wayne Baucum, (Deceased)
1988 - Howard Jean Sessums, (Deceased)
1989 - Lamar Blount, Decatur
Arno Vincent, Meridian
Earl Marshall, Clinton

1990 - Jeff Loper, Decatur
Richard Harris, Hickory
Sherrell Ray Marshall, Jackson
1991 - Larry Henderson, Daphne, Alabama
Diana Lyons Jones, Bay Springs
Wayne Tullos, Belle Glade, Florida
1992 - Evelyn Bender, Lawrence
Joe Clark, Decatur
Bert Thompson, (Deceased)

INSTRUCTORS OF THE YEAR

1982 - Ovid Vickers
1983 - Dr. Shelby Harris
1984 - Jessie M. Everett
1985 - Bruce Guraedy
Al Bailey
1986 - Ann Burkes
O. L. Newell
1987 - Tommy Thrash
Chester Clark

1988 - Dr. Richard Ethridge
John Adcock
1989 - Joe Clark
Larry Blackburn
1990 - Lois McMullan
Wallace Keen
1991 - Tom Carson
Ricky Harrison
1992 - Ron Davis
Lester Miles

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
DR. BERT THOMPSON

The late Dr. Bert Thompson was an outstanding lineman on the 1940 and 1941 Warrior football teams, and his posthumous induction into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame "would please him greatly," said his widow, Mary Etta Thompson of Clinton.

Dr. Thompson died on March 26, 1992. He was a retired dean of the school of education at Mississippi College, a post he held from 1976-86.

Thompson began his athletic career at S. D. Lee High School in Columbus where the standout guard/tackle was selected All-State and All-Big Eight Conference. He was a member of the 1936 squad which won a national championship.

He received a scholarship to East Central where he again earned All-State honors.

After graduating in 1942, Thompson joined the Air Force as an aviation cadet and was sworn in at Columbus Air Force Base on June 9, 1942. He completed military duty in November 1945.

When he returned from active duty, Thompson was awarded a football scholarship to the University of Mississippi where he was a member of the 1946 squad.

After earning the first of three degrees from Ole Miss in 1947, Thompson returned to Columbus to coach football and teach history during the 1947-48 school year. He was later named principal at Amory Elementary School where he also coached football from 1948-50. During this same period, he married the former Mary Etta Powell of Dundee, a graduate of Mississippi State College for Women (MUW).

In 1950 he earned a master's degree and was selected principal and football coach at Aberdeen High School where he led teams to two district championships and one Little 10 Conference title during a seven-year period.

In 1956 he was named principal at Greenville High School and later became assistant superintendent then superintendent. During this same period he received a doctoral degree in education. He left Greenville in 1976 to become education dean at Mississippi College.

Before he retired in 1986, Dr. Thompson had served approximately 40 years as an educator in public and private schools.

Dr. Thompson was an active member in various organizations and served as president of the Mississippi Principals Association, Mississippi Council of Public Schools, Mississippi Association of School Administrators, and the Mississippi Education Association.

Thompson was also a member of The Warrior Club at East Central.

Survivors besides his wife include sons: Bill, an investments counselor with IM&R and David, a singer/musician, both of Clinton; a daughter, Mrs. Mark (Mary Anne) Rankin of Clinton, a homemaker turned law school student; and four grandchildren.

ACADEMIC INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR RON DAVIS

Ron Davis, Academic Instructor of the Year, has been a member of the ECCC faculty since 1987. He teaches biology, zoology and anatomy and physiology.

Davis also works closely with students in the advisement area, providing assistance not only in the classroom but also in curriculum planning. He also serves as the faculty advisor for Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, an organization for students interested in careers in the medical field.

Before joining the East Central staff, Davis served 10 years at Meridian Public Schools where he taught science at Magnolia, Carver and Northwest junior high schools. At Northwest he was selected "Teacher of the Year" and served as chairman of the science department.

A graduate of Decatur High School, Davis attended East Central and played trumpet in the Warrior Band.

He continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a bachelor's degree in biology. He also holds a master's degree in education with an emphasis in science from Mississippi State University. In addition, he has completed 15 hours beyond the master's by taking courses at USM and MSU.

He is married to the former Patti Jeffcoat of Forkville, a gifted program teacher for Newton County Public Schools. They have a son, Matt, age 10.

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR LESTER MILES

Lester Miles, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year, has taught Air Conditioning and Refrigeration since 1984.

He has also been an effective recruiter for his program evidenced by the fact that this year's class is the largest in almost 25 years.

In addition, Miles is actively involved in VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), and serves as an advisor on the local and national levels. For three straight years, Miles' students have won first place honors in state competition and advanced to the national contest.

Miles has been involved with VICA since serving as president of the Mississippi Delta Community College chapter when he was a student in 1978-79. He was also elected State Parliamentarian. The same year he was selected Outstanding Vocational Student.

In addition to being a teacher, Miles is also a student at ECCC and will receive an Associate of Arts degree in May, 1993.

He is also licensed minister and previously served as pastor of Trinity Worship Center in Union. Miles is married to the former Susan McCool of Rolling Fork and they have four children: Mrs. Jeff (Lacretia) Pierce, 19; Leslie, 17; Lena, 13; and Lester III, 10.



HOMECOMING COURT

Members of the 1992 Homecoming Court include (seated from left) Queen Amy Apperson, Philadelphia; Maid of Honor Jennifer Anderson, Decatur; and (standing from left) freshman maids Rhonda Hill, West Point; Tanya Beckham and Leigh Ann Perdeye, both of Philadelphia; and sophomore maids Shellie Griffin, Union; Brandi Parkes, Decatur; and Misty Nowell, Louisville.

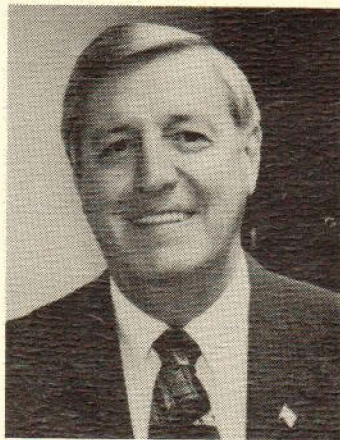
ECCC TO PARTICIPATE IN PTK LEADERSHIP PROJECT

East Central has been selected to participate in the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Program, a project funded by a \$1.8 million grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan.

As a participating institution, East Central will offer a credit/non-credit Leadership Development Course beginning in January, 1993. The course will be taught by faculty members Ovid Vickers and Dr. Richard Ethridge. The course is open to all students and anyone else interested in taking the class.

The leadership development course was developed especially for students of community, technical and junior colleges, and for community activists who have no formal leadership training. The program was originated by Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college.

1992 HOMECOMING HONOREES



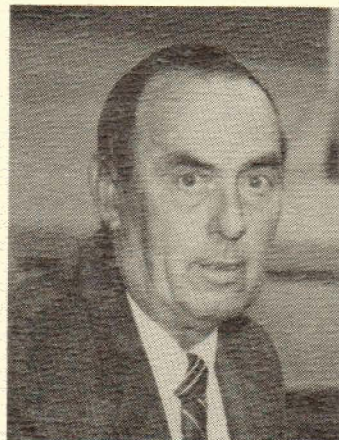
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Alumnus of the Year



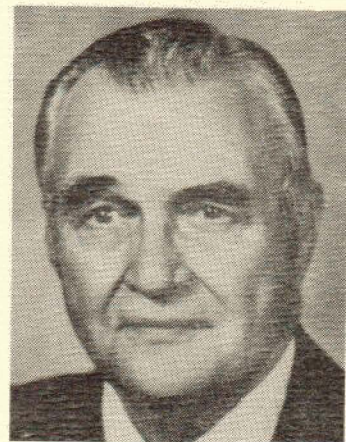
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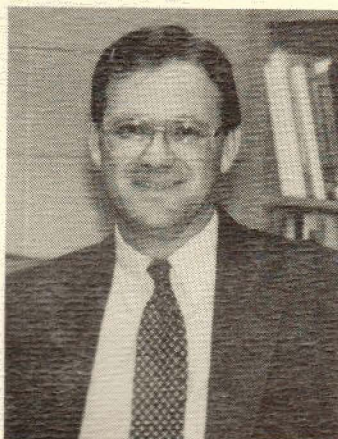
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"The Tradition of Excellence Continues Into the Nineties".



ANOTHER ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN!

For the second straight year, an East Central student was named to the Academic All-American First Team for Community, Technical and Junior Colleges as Tam Cooper of Decatur (second from left) received the prestigious honor for the 1991-92 school term. The scholastic awards program is sponsored by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, USA Today and Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society of the two-year college. Cooper, the only Mississippian selected, is shown with college officials (from left) Dr. Eddie M. Smith and PTK advisors Mrs. Ann Burkes and Dr. Shelby Harris following the national awards ceremony in Phoenix, Arizona. Cooper, a math education major with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, received a \$2500 check to attend the university of her choice and was featured in several national and state publications and appeared in area television newscasts. She is currently enrolled at Mississippi State University. Cooper is the daughter of Mrs. Lois Cooper of Decatur and the late Carl Cooper. ECCC student Cay Clark of Chunky was named to the Academic All-American Team for the 1990-91 school year.

ECCC HAS RECORD ENROLLMENT

A record enrollment has been realized for the 1992 fall semester at East Central as 1402 students are registered in day and evening classes.

Included in this year's enrollment total are 651 academic full-time students, 149 technical full-time students, 150 vocational day students, 44 academic part-time day students, seven technical part-time day students, and 401 students enrolled in evening courses on the Decatur campus and other locations throughout the five-county district.

The 1402 enrollment mark surpasses the previous record of 1395 students registered during the 1991 fall term.